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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-52 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 19, 20, 43, and 45-52 have been objected to. Claims 1-16, 18, 21-42, and 44 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 27 have been amended.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The Personal Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner, Patrick Buechner, for granting and attending the personal interview, with Applicants' Representative, Guy Yonay, Reg. No. 52,388 on October 30, 2003.

Claim language for claims 1 and 27 was proposed, as referred to in the Interview Summary. The amendments to claims 1 and 27 were provisionally accepted by the Examiner as removing all rejections under 35 USC §§102 and 103. The Examiner then agreed by subsequent telephone conference that Young et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,762,552) indeed does not read on the amended claims.

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Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 17, 19-20, 43, and 45-52 due to their being dependent on a rejected base claim. As claims 1 and 27 are allowable, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 16, 21-32, and 38-42, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Young, et al. As discussed, these rejections are overcome.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-4, 16, 21-32, and 38-42.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5-15 and 33-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Young et al. As discussed, these rejections are overcome.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 5-15 and 33-37.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

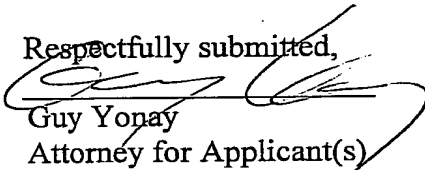
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prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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